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having substantial lipid adsorption, and without causing substantial wearer discomfort for a period of continuous contact for 14 days.

246. (New) A biocompatible sterilizable contact lens having an oxygen permeability of at least about 69 barrers and an ion permeability characterized by an Ionoton Ion Permeability Coefficient of greater than about  $0.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2/\text{min}$ , said lens comprising:

(a) a polymeric core material in the shape of contact lens having an inner and outer surface; and

(b) said surfaces of said core material being surface modified to form surfaces that are more hydrophilic than said core material;

said lens having adequate movement on the eye without blinking to promote adequate tear exchange and without producing significant corneal swelling, without having substantial lipid adsorption, and without causing substantial wearer discomfort for a period of continuous contact for 30 days.

**Remarks:**

**I. Request for Examination of New Claims 243-246 and A Notice of Allowance.**

Applicants have presented new claims 243-246. These new claims are generally based upon presently allowed claims 187, 192 and 212 and are changed in scope from these allowed claims. Specifically, claim 243 is generally based on claim 187, claim 244 is generally based on claim 192 and claims 245 and 246 are generally based upon claim 212.

The new claims reflect that the structure of the lens comprises a core polymeric material having lens surfaces that are more hydrophilic than the polymeric core material. The claimed hydrophilic contact lens surface is not limited to a lens surface made by any specific type of surface treatment but is limited only by the recited claim elements of each claim. Also, new claims 243 and 244 recite a fourteen (14) day period of continuous wear,

new claim 245 recites a fourteen(14) day period of continuous contact, and new claim 246 recites a thirty (30) day period of continuous contact.

To the extent an interview will clarify any issues now before the Examiner, the Applicant will be pleased to confer with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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